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## From The Chair Travis Nicks, State Chair

ELECTION TIME! Thanks everyone for all the hard work this election season, we have very little time until November 4th, 2008 to champion our Libertarian Candidates.

- James Frye has nearly blanketed his entire district (with the help of "Man of Action", Mykl Kryka).
- Martin L. Buchanan is doing well in CD1.
- Our Boulder candidates are making good impressions there.
- Bob Barr has been to Colorado several times to speak and to raise funds. He also has appeared on several major media outlets.

It is not too late to help your local/state/national candidate with a monetary donation or to donate your time doing volunteer sign waving.

Please remember to vote and please also remember to check the website, [www.LPColorado.org](http://www.LPColorado.org), for our [Colorado Voter Guide](#).

I am pleased to announce, "WE HAVE A NEW HOME!!!!!"

We have signed the lease for a new state headquarters. It is located on Jordan Road, just south of Arapahoe Road in Centennial. [Click Here for a map/directions](#). The office space is being provided at a reduced

cost by a friend of Liberty who made a large [donation to the Barr/Root campaign](#). It is **three times** the size of our current location - so we need furniture. Anyone who would like to donate some office furniture to the LPCO OR make a [financial contribution](#), we sure could use it. I would like to see some cubicle separators so we can have more people phone banking at one time. For further information on how you can help with the new space please contact either myself or Jeff Orrok.

Don't forget to join the [1776 club](#) and help us continue supporting good candidates and policy changes.

[Donations](#) and [1776 signup](#) can be done through the newly redesigned webpage at [www.LPColorado.org/donate.aspx](http://www.LPColorado.org/donate.aspx).

Keep an eye out for us in the media and on the streets.

Yours in Liberty,  
Travis Nicks  
Chairman



## Campaigns Report

By Norm Olsen, Campaigns Director

Almost nine years ago, when I first volunteered to serve as Campaigns Director, I didn't have a clue. Not a solitary clue about what I was supposed to do nor a vague clue as to how to do it. This time around, I have five years of experience and I hope that I can provide some real leadership on the "campaigns front" of the party's activities. I also hope to provide many resources for Libertarian candidates. These efforts will be directed by what I will call Norm's three axioms of politics:

1. All politics is local. You don't build a political party from the top down (unless you're Ross Perot), you must build from the bottom up.
2. There are three important activities in politics: Organization, Organization, and Organization.
3. The best place for a political party to advertise is on the ballot.

I'm only one person (and an old one at that). I can't do much by myself, so I'll be asking for your help. I can show you what to lift and how to lift it, but you will have to do the heavy lifting. Are you with me?

~ ~ ~ Please Get Involved - Click Here! ~ ~ ~

### BECOME A POLL WORKER

If you are registered to vote in the City and County of Denver and would like to be a poll worker for the election, please contact Annie Sadler with the Denver Elections Division, a non-partisan organization with the City and County of Denver. This is a paid position and a great way to get involved in the Election.

Annie Sadler  
Denver Elections Division  
Poll Worker Recruiter  
3888 E. Mexico Ave  
Denver, CO 80210  
720.865.4862

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## F.R. Outreach Report

By Jeff Orrok, Front Range Outreach Director

There were 9,618 registered Libertarians as of the end of September. This is a huge leap from the 8,487 at the end of August -- 13.3% in one month, and just a hair over 40% for the year so far! Due to the timing of the release of data from the Secretary of State, we won't know until after the election how many we got in October, but I am optimistic that we will break 10,000!

As usual, Denver has the lead (1,587) followed by Jefferson (1,117) and El Paso (1,076). But only Jefferson has an active affiliate. It is time to get the folks in Denver and El Paso organized and active.

We had a successful table at the Old Fashioned Political Rally that the League of Women Voters of Larimer County hosted on October 6th. I also spoke to a politics class at the Colorado Free University on the 16th and to a couple of classes at Smoky Hill High School on the 17th. I found both occasions to be inspirational with thoughtful and engaging audiences, thanks to both campuses for having me.

## Legislative Report

By David K. Williams, Jr., Legislative Director

If you are serious about reforming marijuana laws in Colorado, you will not want to miss this FREE groundbreaking event!

On November 15, 2008 [SAFER and Sensible Colorado](#) will be hosting an [all-day seminar and activist boot camp](#) at Regis University in Denver. Professionals will provide attendees with valuable information, training, and resources that can help *YOU* take action in your area to further the movement toward more rational marijuana laws in Colorado.

Please help us make this event a success by:

1. [Registering on-line](#) today and attending the seminar.
2. [Forwarding word](#) of this event to everyone you know who might be interested in attending.

Find out more at [www.MarijuanaBootCamp.com](http://www.MarijuanaBootCamp.com) or <http://SensibleColorado.org>.

Regis University  
Felix Pomponio Science Center  
3333 Regis Boulevard  
Denver, Colorado 80221  
[Map/Directions](#)

This event is FREE! Lunch will be generously provided by Cheba Hut

## Membership Report

By Clint Jones, Membership Director

1. I am calling the 9500 Colorado names on the latest LP Data Dump from Robert Kraus. The breakdown of the names is:
  - 1 - 3373 Members;
    - 1 - 498 active members from Colorado have donated to LP National in the last 12 months.  
*I have called 120 with 22 saying yes to donating to the LPCO and being sent a Contributing Membership form, Discover Liberty, and Viewpoint. I will stop Oct 30 for the year, but follow up on those whose contributions we have not received yet. Then start again in 2009.*
    - 499 - 538 dropped members (calls)
    - 539 - 3373 lapsed members (calls or emails)
  - 3374 - 9489 Inquiries (will just email these with a message asking them to reply if they are voting Libertarian, then follow up with a second step if they reply)
  - 2/3rds have phone # or email although I don't know how good those are after the active members.  
If you think you may need to update your information, please email me.
2. The fundraising calls/emails will be concentrating on the members that haven't given to/participated in the LPCO.  
I will not be calling the 150 or so that have given to/participated in the LPCO in the past 2 years.

Will you help the Libertarian Party of Colorado achieve our goals?

[Click Here To Contribute To The LPCO.](#)

[Click Here To Become An Activist For The LPCO.](#)

## Publications Report

By Jaime Brown, Publications Director

I would like to thank all of the Libertarian candidates, City, County, State, and Federal. As our [Campaigns Director](#) points out, the best place for a political party to advertise is on the ballot. If you are considering a run for office, it's never too early to start preparing. Campaigns are the driving force of a political party. Thanks to all the Libertarian candidates who ran this year, the bar has been raised, the membership has grown. Get involved and let freedom grow.

John Stossel had an ABC special, Stossel's Guide to Politics that aired on October 17, 2008 and has gone viral on the internet. As of now, you can still view the program on [ABC News online](#) or [YouTube](#) in 6 parts without commercial interruption.

Even without a Fundraising Director, do you realize that if every member of the Libertarian Party of Colorado [contributed \\$100/year](#) that we would have an annual budget of \$961,800? If we all [contributed \\$10/month](#) our annual budget would be \$1,154,160!

If you have not been to <http://www.LPColorado.org/> lately, check it out. We hope you find it more resourceful and user friendly. More changes still to come.

Come out for a fun evening at Woody's on election night. [Join](#) other Colorado Libertarians and [meet local candidates](#). Hope to see you there!

## Records Report

By Steven Gallant, Records Director

I compiled and filed the minutes and reports for the previous Board meeting. A new database is in development. I hope to provide an update about the status of this new database soon.

## Notice from the Constitution and Bylaws Committee:

Affiliate Chairs:

Please let your affiliate members know that the C&B Committee is seeking proposed changes to the LPCO's [Constitution](#) and [Bylaws](#). We would like to receive all proposals by January 5, 2009, in order to get them into the proper format for the state convention. Please email proposals to Committee Chair Steve Gallant at [RecordsDirector@LPColorado.org](mailto:RecordsDirector@LPColorado.org).

## Treasurer Report

By Leah Kelley, Treasurer

We are still running a little low on funds. I imagine everyone's money is going towards campaigns right now.

I have filed 2 FCPA reports since the last board meeting.

As I reported in an email regarding FEC filing, I'm still not sure that we should be. I have sent details of our activities to the FEC, but haven't heard back yet. We may still need to send them information so they can give us an Advisory Opinion.

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## LOOKING AHEAD TO '09

Now is the time to apply for next year's Constitution & Bylaws / Platform Committees

Thanks to the foresight of Rick Randall, our Media Director, at the monthly LPCO Board meeting on April 14, the board adopted a resolution to issue the solicitation required in the LPCO Bylaws for applications for membership to the two committees. For each of the committees, there will be five at-large representatives selected by the board from the state membership, plus an additional representative per chartered affiliate. The deadline for applications has not been officially set, but it is expected to be the date of the monthly LPCO Board meeting in July (which is currently planned for 7pm Monday the 14th), to give the affiliates time to organize their selection process and certify their appointments.

While there are no official qualifications (beyond being a registered Libertarian in Colorado), prospective applicants should be prepared to commit to attend all the committee meetings and participate fully in the process of drafting, reviewing, and discussing the proposed amendments. You don't have to be an expert, but you do have to be willing to learn.

For the Constitution and Bylaws committee, in addition to reading and becoming familiar with the LPCO Constitution and LPCO Bylaws, it is a good idea to acquire a copy of Robert's Rules Of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition (available for purchase from several bookstores, or from used book websites for as little as a few dollars, or at any library) and become familiar with the basics of parliamentary procedure and its recommendations for running organizations.

For the Platform committee, familiarization with the LPCO Platform (especially the values statement, which is the basis for the rest of it) is desirable, along with some acquaintance with one or more of the current issues in Colorado.

Each county affiliate should begin the process of selecting its representatives to these two important bodies as soon as possible. Ideally a process to do that would be specified in the affiliate's bylaws, but if there isn't one, the affiliate can adopt a rule. Typically there would be notice given at one meeting and the actual selections would be made at the following meeting. The affiliate must have an Affiliate Representative (AR) on record with the state board who will certify the selected representatives to the state board, so if the affiliate does not have an AR, it needs to elect or appoint one (again, according to its bylaws, otherwise by giving notice at one meeting and then having the actual election or appointment at the following meeting). So some affiliates may be issuing notices for three positions in the coming month. If there are any questions about this, please contact State Chair Travis Nicks (StateChair@LPColorado.org) or Front Range Outreach Director Jeff Orrok (OutreachDirector@LPColorado.org).

To apply for an at-large position on the Constitution & Bylaws and/or Platform committees, please submit your name, residential address where you are registered to vote, mailing address if different than residence, and a phone number and/or email address to Board@LPColorado.org or to:

Libertarian Party of Colorado  
6989 S. Jordan Rd.  
Suite 5  
Centennial, CO 80112

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